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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Executive Director
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications, Corp., NuVox Communications, Inc., KMC Telecom V, Inc., KMC Telecom III LLC, and Xspedius [Affiliates] of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended
Docket No. 2005-57-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

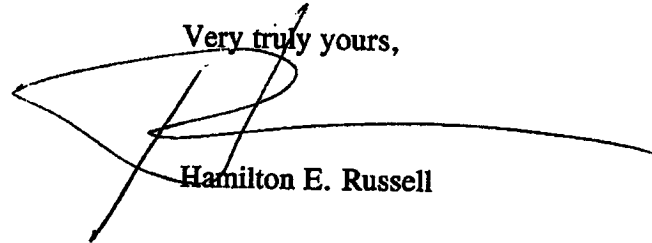
By letter dated August 4, 2005 from John Pringle to you, the Joint Petitioners in the above referenced matter filed testimony from me in this matter in response to your July 20, 2005 Order. As you know, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") has asserted that my providing such testimony is a conflict of interest under the Rules of Professional Conduct. Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough (the "Firm"), had previously reached an agreement with the parties with regard to how any testimony from me would be presented in this matter. I sought and obtained the approval of the Firm's General Counsel before submitting the testimony referenced in Mr. Pringle's letters, although the content of the testimony was not reviewed by anyone at Nelson Mullins.

Upon reflection, and as referenced in a letter of this same date to you from Kenneth L. Millwood, our Firm's General Counsel, submitting my testimony in this matter was inconsistent with the Firm's previous undertaking with the parties. Accordingly, I request that all testimony attached to or referenced in Mr. Pringle's August 4, 2005 letter be withdrawn. If the Joint Petitioners wish to obtain and submit that testimony, we will follow the terms of Mr. Millwood's July 8, 2005 letter to inside counsel of the respective parties. Specifically, I cannot voluntarily provide any testimony in this matter in the future.

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The Firm and I both apologize to you for any inconvenience our decision may have caused.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Russell", written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke.

Hamilton E. Russell

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cc: All counsel of record